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C O N F I D E N T I A L SEOUL 2082

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: AMER PINT VS KS

SUBJECT: EVACUATION OF VIETNAMESE REFUGEES

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1. CHARGE DELIVERED MESSAGE CONTAINED PARA TWO REF (A)
TO ACTING FONMIN MORNING MARCH 29.

2. LHO OBVIOUSLY PLEASED TO HEAR THAT NUMEROUS OTHER

NATIONS ALSO BEING REQUESTED PROVIDE ASSISTANCE IN EVACUATING NVN REFUGEES. HE WAS AWARE OF ROC OFFERS OF LST'S AND AIRCRAFT, AND ASKED CHARGE TO KEEP HIM INFORMED OF POSITIVE RESPONSES FROM ANY OTHER COUNTRY SINCE HE SAID THIS INFORMATION MIGHT BE USEFUL IN JUSTIFYING FURTHER EFFORT BY ROKG.

3. LHO SAID HIGH LEVELS ROKG HAD DISCUSSED SITUATION AT MEETING EARLIER THAT DAY AND HAD AGREED THAT ROKG WOULD OFFER TO SEND TWO LST'S. ONLY PROBLEM REMAINING WAS NEED, ACCORDING TO MND, FOR CLEARANCE OF SOME SORT FROM CINCUNC. LHO WAS NOT CERTAIN OF NATURE THIS CLEARANCE, BUT ON ASSUMPTION IT INVOLVES RELEASE OF LST'S FROM CINCUNC'S OPERATIONAL CONTROL, GENERAL STILWELL SENT COMMUNICATION TO MND AFTERNOON MARCH 29, APPROVING DETACHMENT OF LST'S FROM CURRENT OPERATIONAL TASKS, WITHDRAWAL FROM UNC OPERATIONAL CONTROL, AND THEIR REDEPLOYMENT TO SOUTH VIETNAMESE WATERS.

4. LHO NOT CERTAIN WHEN LST'S COULD BE MADE AVAILABLE BUT SAID THIS WOULD BE DONE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE IN RECOGNITION OF URGENCY REQUIREMENT. HE SAID IT WOULD BE INTENTION OF ROKG TO SUPPLY LST'S WITH FOOD, CLOTHING, BLANKETS AND MEDICAL SUPPLIES, SUFFICIENT TO DEAL WITH AT LEAST INITIAL LOADS OF REFUGEES TO BE TRANSPORTED FROM DANANG TO CAM RANH BAY, AND SAIGON. MILITARY MEDICAL TEAM TO TREAT WOUNDED OR AILING REFUGEES DURING OPERATION WOULD ALSO BE ON BOARD LST'S.

5. MENTION OF FACT THAT PARTICIPATION IN THIS EFFORT WOULD BE AT ROKG'S EXPENSE DID NOT REPEAT NOT ELICIT ANY ATTEMPT TO LINK THIS PROJECT WITH F5A REHAB COSTS. LHO MERELY REITERATED THAT PRIME MINISTER HAD AGAIN INSTRUCTED ROKG OFFICIALS TO FIND FUNDS TO COVER OPERATION.

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